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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 30th June, 1956 (estimated)—	1,314,537	1,290,551	2,605,088	—
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1951 (b)	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538	1,330,800
1952 (b)	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719	1,359,100
1953 (b)	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b)	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
At 31st Dec., 1956 (estimated)—	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623	1,649,000

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·28	22·21	10·30	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·63	22·93	9·95	22·29
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·03	22·36	9·45	21·15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7·91	(a) 22·28	(a) 9·19	19·30
1955	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7·94	(a) 22·30	(a) 8·92	18·37
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a)			
1956—								
March Quarter ..	5,360	14,757	4,867	260	8·34	22·95	7·57	17·62
June Quarter ..	4,825	14,268	5,770	263	7·43	21·98	8·89	18·43
September Quarter	4,368	14,579	7,340	298	6·68	22·30	11·23	20·44

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Year ended 31st December		Quarter ended 30th June—		Quarter ended 30th September—	
	1954.	1955.	1955.	1956. (a)	1955.	1956. (a)
Tuberculosis	245	222	60	40	70	56
Malignant Neoplasms	3,370	3,532	905	931	887	924
Diabetes	379	420	113	132	128	139
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	3,099	3,060	802	794	899	1,020
Diseases of the Heart	7,383	7,538	1,926	1,910	2,349	2,541
General Arteriosclerosis	830	791	197	203	264	334
Pneumonia	673	568	141	128	208	255
Nephritis and Nephrosis	354	311	81	60	90	98
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	658	602	184	149	143	158
Accidents	1,245	1,216	295	343	331	344

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9	
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0	
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4	
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1	
1955—June ..	158.2	398.5	556.7	4.8	223.4	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0	
1956—June ..	160.2	404.2	564.4	4.8	227.2	53.6	72.1	37.8	61.7	53.8	
July ..	160.0	403.1	563.1	4.7	226.2	53.0	72.6	37.7	61.4	53.9	
August ..	159.7	401.7	561.4	4.7	225.3	52.2	72.9	37.6	61.1	54.2	
September	159.6	402.0	561.6	4.7	225.1	51.7	72.7	37.7	61.7	54.9	
October	158.5	402.4	560.9	4.7	224.1	51.0	72.9	37.8	61.7	55.6	
November	159.3	404.5	563.8	4.7	224.6	50.9	73.4	38.6	62.2	56.3	
December	159.7	403.3	563.0	4.6	224.3	51.1	73.1	39.1	62.4	55.5	
FEMALES.											
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3	
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6	
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1	
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9	
1955—June ..	39.2	187.8	227.0	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8	
1956—June ..	41.9	191.3	233.2	0.1	89.4	1.3	11.6	33.8	24.3	63.0	
July ..	42.0	190.5	232.5	0.1	88.7	1.3	11.6	33.4	24.2	63.2	
August ..	41.9	190.0	231.9	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.6	33.0	24.2	63.7	
September	41.6	190.7	232.3	0.1	88.5	1.3	11.6	33.1	24.2	63.7	
October	41.0	192.3	233.3	0.1	88.5	1.3	11.6	33.4	24.2	64.5	
November	41.3	194.2	235.5	0.1	88.7	1.3	12.0	34.3	24.2	65.2	
December	40.9	192.0	232.9	0.1	87.3	1.3	11.5	34.7	24.2	63.9	
PERSONS.											
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2	
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6	
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5	
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0	
1955—June ..	197.4	586.3	783.7	4.9	311.6	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8	
1956—June ..	202.1	595.5	797.6	4.9	316.6	54.9	83.7	71.6	86.0	116.8	
July ..	202.0	593.6	795.6	4.8	314.9	54.3	84.2	71.1	85.6	117.1	
August ..	201.6	591.7	793.3	4.8	313.5	53.5	84.5	70.6	85.3	117.9	
September	201.2	592.7	793.9	4.8	313.6	53.0	84.3	70.8	85.9	118.6	
October	199.5	594.7	794.2	4.8	312.6	52.3	84.5	71.2	85.9	120.1	
November	200.6	598.7	799.3	4.8	313.3	52.2	85.4	72.9	86.4	121.5	
December	200.6	595.3	795.9	4.7	311.6	52.4	84.6	73.8	86.6	119.4	

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment &c. and Personal Service (Hotels Restaurants &c., excluding female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956. Automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	s. d.
1953—November	237 0
1954—February	238 0
May	237 0
August	236 0
November	234 0
1955—February	235 0
May	237 0
August	240 0
November	246 0
1956—February	251 0
May	256 0
August (b)	263 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(b) Automatic adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers was discontinued after August, 1956.

NOTE.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1956 ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,665	385
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,475	64
September Qr.	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
December Qr.	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68
1956—March Qr. ..	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,545	302
June Qr. ..	7	5,287	110	5,397	10,114	33
September Qr.	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	29
December Qr.	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	21

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955 ..	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
„ 1956 ..	2,567	2,529	2,540	2,538	2,592	2,564
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300
June Quarter..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328
September Qr.	2,392	2,365	2,359	2,363	2,419	2,389
December Qr.	2,436	2,408	2,406	2,407	2,472	2,433
1956—March Quarter	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478
June Quarter..	2,555	2,514	2,516	2,520	2,582	2,551
September Qr.	2,628	2,594	2,607	2,597	2,659	2,626
December Qr.	2,603	2,572	2,587	2,585	2,644	2,601

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 " ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 " ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 " ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 " ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 " ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 " ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 " ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 " ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 " ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 " ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 " ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 " ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56 " ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	331	281	357	334
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	329	282	354	333
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	329	290	352	334
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	325	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	331	291	355	336
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	326	291	352	334
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	327	288	354	334
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	347	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	332	299	357	340
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	337	303	362	344
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	344	304	369	350
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	351	299	376	353
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	(b)358	301	(b) 382	(b)358
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	(b)370	303	(b) 393	(b)366
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	378	309	401	373
October ..	410	241	(b)503	344	306	467	(b)367	374	(b) 310	396	371
November ..	413	241	(b)522	344	306	467	(b)369	341	(b) 314	371	354
December ..	412	241	(b)528	344	307	467	(b)369	322	(b) 315	355	343

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—During 1956 supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated upwards and downwards between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "All Groups". Indexes for these items were reconstructed by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician by excluding potatoes and onions. Indexes shown in the above table however include potatoes and onions for these items for purposes of comparability with indexes for previous years.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Maintaining a Child.	Not Maintaining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1955-56	112,649	18,113	4,343	5,903	58,385	361,848	760,667
1st July, 1956, to 24th December, 1956 ..	114,279	18,501	4,549	6,096	29,397	365,827	777,110

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1955-56	4,143	1,412	12,310	1,674
1st July, 1956, to 24th December, 1956 ..	11,906	3,419	6,094	1,595

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921.. ..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931.. ..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939.. ..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1948.. ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949.. ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950.. ..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951.. ..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952.. ..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953.. ..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954.. ..	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955.. ..	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
1956.. ..	57,452	13,974	97,402	168,828	5,279	2,909
At 31st December, 1956 ..	57,774	14,024	98,962	170,760	5,709	3,096

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914-1918 War 1939-1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914-1918 War, and 1939-1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938-39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1952-53 ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953-54 ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954-55 ..	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1955-56 ..	457	2,373	686	3,688	1,614	4,476	2,757	10,537
1955-56—								
September Quarter ..	122	607	169	870	461	1,167	752	2,644
December Quarter ..	122	624	166	893	456	1,305	744	2,822
March Quarter ..	111	609	172	966	314	952	597	2,527
June Quarter ..	102	533	179	959	383	1,052	664	2,544
1956-57—								
September Quarter ..	106	538	161	810	392	998	659	2,346
December Quarter ..	139	707	152	802	418	1,168	709	2,677
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938-39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1952-53 ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953-54 ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954-55 ..	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1955-56 ..	429	2,190	484	2,691	1,842	5,592	2,755	10,473
1955-56—								
September Quarter ..	98	465	123	628	532	1,577	753	2,670
December Quarter ..	106	514	128	707	509	1,563	743	2,784
March Quarter ..	100	548	104	633	390	1,311	594	2,492
June Quarter ..	125	663	129	723	411	1,141	665	2,527
1956-57—								
September Quarter ..	94	478	117	553	438	1,252	649	2,283
December Quarter ..	133	676	110	616	452	1,316	695	2,608

(a) Includes overseas vessels on interstate voyages.

**OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.**

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1953	173,201	574	173,775
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955	297,348	146	297,494
1956	299,296	53	299,349
Six months ended 31st December, 1956 (a)	124,663	18	124,681
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1953	228,004	114	228,118
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955	216,508	64	216,572
1956	209,519	36	209,555
Six months ended 31st December, 1956 (a)	108,572	2,985	111,557

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1956.	31st December, 1956.	1955.	1956. (a)
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS ..	448	540	1,161	988
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.	2,303	1,970	3,244	4,273
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	82	87	232	169
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	522	2,169	4,459	2,691
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. ..	19	28	69	47
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS	553	462	973	1,015
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	1,368	1,666	3,008	3,034
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	10,297	8,114	23,774	18,411
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	6,956	8,507	17,153	15,463
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	649	578	1,233	1,227
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	492	422	1,362	914
CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES	14,814	12,663	33,881	27,477
CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	2,695	2,702	3,719	5,397
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) ..	8,774	7,248	18,667	16,022
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	1,793	1,547	5,255	3,340
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	1,384	1,100	2,149	2,484
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	1,075	911	2,437	1,986
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD ..	2,938	2,029	5,685	4,967
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY	990	960	2,179	1,950
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	787	603	2,090	1,390
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	653	724	1,455	1,377
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	2,416	2,025	4,483	4,441
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	2,702	2,898	11,530	5,600
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	7	11	30	18
GRAND TOTAL	64,717	59,964	150,228	124,681

(a) Subject to revision.

**VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).**

Classification.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1956.	31st December, 1956.	1955.	1956.(a)
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A000'
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	168	177	169	345
Lamb	126	908	3,406	1,034
Mutton	208	133	685	341
Pork	12	14	39	26
Poultry	15	13	43	28
Rabbits and Hares	596	422	568	1,018
Other	137	137	505	274
Preserved in Tins	1,009	815	3,107	1,824
Sausage Casings	214	376	747	590
Other	77	78	128	155
Butter	3,879	7,259	10,401	11,138
Cheese	385	1,042	988	1,427
Eggs	109	314	650	423
Milk and Cream	1,128	2,443	3,083	3,571
Other Animal Foodstuffs	205	228	281	433
Total, Class I... .. .	8,268	14,359	24,800	22,627
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	2,983	3,280	5,267	6,263
Oats	131	283	518	414
Barley	824	76	164	900
Other	4	..	12	4
Prepared—				
Rice	45	37	279	82
Flour (Wheaten)	1,629	1,960	3,359	3,589
Malt	157	142	233	299
Other	69	122	234	191
Fruits—				
Fresh	313	366	583	679
Dried	884	433	3,382	1,317
Preserved in liquid	1,592	395	3,640	1,987
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	556	515	691	1,071
Total, Class II.	9,187	7,609	18,362	16,796
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	196	156	265	352
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	44	48	186	92
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	25	14	21	39

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Classification.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	30th September, 1956.	31st December, 1956.	1955.	1956. (a)
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	315	260	950	575
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	168	191	403	359
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	1,381	1,818	3,584	3,199
Other	12	43	11	55
Wool—				
Greasy	7,962	33,845	34,893	41,807
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	3,752	3,675	6,607	7,427
Other Animal Substances	52	50	42	102
Total, Class VI.	13,642	39,882	46,490	53,524
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	76	25	121	101
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL	276	291	447	567
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES	744	1,258	1,741	2,002
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	61	47	95	108
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &C.	708	808	1,692	1,516
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY	2,954	3,023	3,619	5,977
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	348	386	760	734
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	61	46	104	107
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	61	28	75	89
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY	193	194	349	387
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	64	43	125	107
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	160	142	256	302
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	383	733	1,183	1,116
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	1,017	1,012	2,266	2,020
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	2,976	9	15	2,985
Australian Produce	40,836	69,448	102,157	110,284
Other Produce	608	665	815	1,273
GRAND TOTAL	41,444	70,113	102,972	111,557

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a)
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	113,159	133,950	129,187	51,244
Australian Territories	1,229	1,193	1,837	1,024
Borneo (British)	2,219	8,872	3,901	2,593
Canada	5,074	5,662	8,230	3,571
Ceylon	4,444	7,171	2,776	1,699
East Africa (British)	1,271	1,776	1,491	649
Hong Kong	384	666	735	393
India, Republic of	4,817	6,150	6,123	3,343
Malaya, Federation of	3,333	4,569	6,485	2,143
New Zealand	2,401	2,468	2,724	2,114
Pakistan	1,687	1,042	877	364
Rhodesia	1,352	1,978	1,604	971
Singapore	3,041	1,274	436	43
South Africa, Union of	917	1,690	1,260	509
Other British Possessions	1,468	1,954	1,351	759
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands	5,494	4,195	2,811	296
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,849	6,369	9,455	4,942
Austria	771	1,472	1,607	634
Belgium	2,432	3,389	3,229	1,351
Brazil	397	854	397	222
China	576	422	621	302
Czechoslovakia	747	821	1,092	431
Finland	810	1,602	1,353	661
France	5,766	4,815	5,421	1,659
Germany	9,607	13,304	14,807	7,186
Indonesia, Republic of	6,500	5,185	6,432	2,430
Iran (Persia)	11	454	6,565	3,251
Italy	4,322	5,123	4,803	1,878
Japan	2,634	6,559	8,131	2,212
Netherlands	3,341	5,902	4,733	1,699
Netherlands Antilles	69	362	948	19
Norway	1,181	1,532	1,665	626
Sweden	3,557	4,614	3,704	1,870
Switzerland	3,356	3,767	4,092	1,639
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	337	418	347	134
United States of America	27,565	35,744	36,592	17,055
Venezuela	423	403	746	353
Other Foreign Countries	2,452	4,174	5,580	3,262
Country not stated	33	46	43	120
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	233,026	291,941	293,691	124,681

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a)
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	68,437	84,471	74,525	32,373
Australian Territories	1,119	1,803	1,991	1,076
Borneo (British)	369	559	619	261
Canada	3,038	3,325	3,564	1,483
Ceylon	4,792	3,018	2,809	1,519
Hong Kong	1,569	1,417	1,543	871
India, Republic of	2,832	5,998	4,687	4,754
Ireland, Republic of	866	1,059	317	214
Malaya, Federation of	3,795	3,657	3,205	2,158
Mauritius and Dependencies	835	615	310	375
New Zealand	8,822	10,053	10,598	6,471
Pakistan	828	822	731	623
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	428	398	404	249
Singapore	3,103	3,441	4,528	2,444
South Africa, Union of	1,406	1,235	918	644
Other British Countries	2,746	3,342	3,250	1,805
Arabia	653	733	638	406
Belgium	5,067	6,049	4,563	2,628
Czechoslovakia	696	1,697	1,544	395
Egypt	1,007	446	691	138
France	21,330	21,182	21,654	10,789
Germany	6,420	9,855	7,447	5,127
Indonesia, Republic of	2,026	1,335	2,351	1,175
Italy	13,832	11,377	11,237	6,871
Japan	11,381	12,404	19,665	11,603
Mexico	1,156	1,789	1,547	575
Netherlands	1,745	2,124	1,164	795
Poland	842	1,386	1,680	929
Sweden	1,510	914	999	193
Switzerland	898	750	847	403
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	10,497	153	..	16
United States of America	12,947	12,244	11,399	7,560
Other Foreign Countries	6,589	6,921	8,130	4,634
Total	203,581	216,572	209,555	111,557

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1956 (a)
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Wool—				
Greasy { '000 lb.	236,716	251,970	278,120	127,605
£'000	87,936	84,101	78,239	41,807
Scoured and Washed .. { '000 lb.	28,936	27,867	26,828	11,234
£'000	12,673	11,367	9,871	4,322
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. { '000 lb.	6,279	6,361	10,799	7,241
£'000	2,507	2,207	4,176	3,105
Butter { '000 lb.	38,484	80,297	107,542	68,307
£'000	6,986	13,642	16,870	11,138
Wheat { tons	191,822	564,253	412,091	260,068
£'000	5,919	15,201	9,907	6,263
Flour (wheaten) { '000 lb.	516,514	441,726	448,123	258,516
£'000	10,040	6,873	6,573	3,589
Fruits—				
Dried { '000 lb.	104,210	113,395	102,384	24,710
£'000	4,857	5,764	5,572	1,317
Fresh—				
Oranges.. .. . { bushels	315,758	334,754	458,819	439,383
£'000	471	503	683	656
Apples { bushels	118,724	112,966	89,338	6,667
£'000	161	155	123	11
Pears { bushels	911,877	1,083,558	585,769	155
£'000	1,643	1,743	921	..
Other Fresh Fruits .. £'000	80	68	41	12
Preserved in Liquid .. { '000 lb.	111,595	141,215	112,272	26,769
£'000	7,515	9,801	8,681	1,987
Meats—				
Beef (chilled or frozen) .. { '000 lb.	8,696	10,359	4,396	3,181
£'000	641	913	483	345
Lamb (frozen) { '000 lb.	22,774	58,397	50,468	11,713
£'000	1,782	6,280	4,756	1,034
Mutton (frozen) { '000 lb.	24,488	22,337	21,434	5,151
£'000	836	1,065	1,293	341
Pork (frozen) { '000 lb.	278	855	433	140
£'000	54	113	66	26
Poultry (frozen) £'000	140	101	49	28
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. £'000	1,105	1,008	1,372	1,018
Preserved in Tins { '000 lb.	54,057	52,131	46,751	16,499
£'000	7,821	7,002	5,643	1,824
Sausage Casings £'000	958	1,408	1,548	590
All Other Meats £'000	748	1,204	1,073	429
Milk and Cream £'000	6,670	5,601	5,920	3,571
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool) { '000 lb.	35,054	39,304	41,480	17,191
£'000	6,158	6,411	6,327	3,094
Rabbit and Hare { '000 lb.	2,538	2,672	2,343	1,223
£'000	475	597	1,170	575
Other Skins £'000	1,002	843	1,134	519
Tallow (inedible) { cwt.	192,477	143,088	354,432	182,437
£'000	675	620	1,443	443
Eggs in shell { '000 doz.	2,024	3,368	2,544	1,873
£'000	447	493	382	321
Eggs not in shell £'000	1,064	478	343	102
Cheese { '000 lb.	37,865	31,579	17,995	13,305
£'000	4,093	3,361	1,955	1,427

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months ended 30th September, 1956
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,574	4,458	4,449	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. '000	7,671	8,193	8,235	8,298	2,079
Country .. '000	4,764	4,616	4,615	4,677	1,139
Goods '000	5,455	5,494	5,890	5,660	1,324
Total '000	17,890	18,303	18,740	18,635	4,542
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	157,658	160,651	160,282	41,027
Country .. '000	6,578	8,447	8,553	6,427	1,186
Total '000	142,124	166,105	169,204	166,709	42,213
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,622	9,508	9,127	2,232
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	579	575	480	99
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	6,088,695	6,429,202	6,262,338	1,515,051
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,269,772	1,426,415	1,324,877	307,821
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. miles	127.26	138.01	141.47	137.91	132.05

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Three Months Ended 30th September, 1956					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	5	2,060	14	..	..	2,079
Country miles '000	163	..	439	72	465	1,139
Goods Trains .. miles '000	677	..	..	193	454	1,324
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	845	2,060	453	265	919	4,542

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months ended 30th September 1956
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	35,706	37,697	37,042	9,025
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,931	2,144	..	(c)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	37,637	39,841	37,042	(c)
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	35,950	37,032	38,026	9,743
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	1,687	2,809	—984	(c)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,591	2,848	3,180	(c)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—904	—39	—4,164	(c)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months ended December, 1956
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	129·6	129·6	133·4	138·4
Single miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	64·1	64·1	62·5	62·5
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	22,000	21,046	22,253	10,864
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,892	7,241	5,859	2,883
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	204,747	202,437	207,914	100,540
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	59,111	56,511	37,209	16,970
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	6,598	6,443	7,155	3,730
Other	15	82	92	88	69
Total Revenue	2,320	6,680	6,535	7,243	3,799
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and Appropriations	2,318	6,929	6,968	7,956	4,269
Surplus on Operation	2				
Deficit on Operation		249	433	713	470

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1952-53	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953-54	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
1955-56	52,860	11,898	4,567	69,325	2,356
6 Months ended 31st December, 1956	23,943	5,263	1,872	31,078	986
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1952-53	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953-54	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
1955-56	19,628	4,594	3,375	27,597	5,342
6 Months ended 31st December, 1956	10,440	2,423	1,680	14,543	2,393
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1952-53	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953-54	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
1955-56	420,523	81,741	45,563	547,827	19,934
6 Months ended 31st December, 1956	234,020	44,439	25,019	303,478	9,458
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1952-53	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953-54	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150
1955-56	493,011	98,233	53,505	644,749	27,632
6 Months ended 31st December, 1956	268,403	52,125	28,571	349,099	12,837

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	72	62	41
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	1,737	1,535	1,034
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	1,809	1,597	1,075
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,282	5,270	5,543
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,748	2,768	3,015
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	8,030	8,038	8,558
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	9,529	10,181	10,762
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,232	1,317	1,441
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,227	8,219	8,390
Primary Producers	699	9,991	10,770	10,920
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	669	744	765
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	25,115	25,385	25,095
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	7,193	7,791	7,097
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	61,956	64,407	64,470
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry				
Passengers	558	170	138	118
Aircraft Licences		1	35	..
Grand Total Licences	35,970	71,966	74,215	74,221
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the				
Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	7,777	8,602	7,949
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	86,905	84,668	83,049(b)
Total Permits	(a)	94,682	93,270	90,998

(a) Not available.

(b) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a)</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55	1,108	38	1,282	3,999	287	5,516
1955-56	1,075	26	1,225	4,283	364	5,951
1954-55—						
September Quarter	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
June Quarter	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
1955-56—						
September Quarter	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
March Quarter	319	9	363	1,167	89	1,556
June Quarter	278	5	327	1,077	100	1,509
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1952-53	4,740	173	5,379	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56	5,248	192	6,307	10,606	582	13,483
1954-55—						
September Quarter	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042
June Quarter	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
1955-56—						
September Quarter	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408
March Quarter	1,211	35	1,465	2,697	133	3,384
June Quarter	1,424		1,639	2,770	185	3,475

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	14,364	17,206	20,861	22,904
Railways	9,349	31,520	35,698	37,522	37,147
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	5,179	5,393	6,343	6,860
Land	387	2,663	2,683	2,259	2,322
Interest n.e.l.	1,881	2,641	3,054	3,664	4,138
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
„ States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	26,028	29,352	32,397	36,044
„ States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	262	..	..	..
„ States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	7,131	5,622	4,959	3,399
All other Revenue	857	4,934	5,470	6,484	8,058
Total Revenue	26,986	96,849	106,605	116,616	122,999
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	40 16 5	44 0 0	46 17 4	47 19 2

(a) For details see page 26.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	9,067	10,760	12,972	15,125
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	575	559	533	492
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	2,587	2,928	3,187	3,475
Other	62	69	80	90	68
Railways	7,694	32,976	34,465	35,445	36,046
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	4,025	4,180	4,133	4,242
Education	3,123	15,987	17,391	19,423	23,275
Public Health	143	947	1,078	1,117	1,251
Hospitals	1,054	10,570	11,601	14,574	15,446
Other Charities (a)	2,302	2,417	2,867	3,559	3,973
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	5,736	6,005	6,377	7,262
All other Expenditure	2,962	12,258	13,980	13,869	15,589
Total Expenditure	27,773	97,214	105,894	115,279	126,244
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	14 16 8	40 19 6	43 14 1	46 6 7	49 4 5

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	57	27	22	25
Land Tax	482	1,370	2,016	2,625	3,250
Probate Duty	1,374	4,833	5,387	6,305	7,102
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	3,206	3,685	4,171	4,380
Motor Taxation	1,914	5,455	5,883	6,330	6,778
Racing Taxation	391(b)	2,254	2,451	2,100	2,066
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	..	656	996	1,054
Liquor Licences	255	1,761	1,963	2,108	2,310
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. ..	..	..	..	2,598	2,793
All other Taxes	110	221	232	242	245
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	14,364	17,206	20,861	22,904
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	4,793	5,094	6,636	7,099
Total State Collections	12,023	19,157	22,300	27,497	30,003
Tax Reimbursement by Com- monwealth .. ..	..	26,028	29,352	32,397	36,044
Grand Total	12,023	45,185	51,652	59,894	66,047
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	8 1 6	9 4 1	11 1 0	11 13 11
Commonwealth Reimbursement	..	10 19 5	12 2 3	13 0 5	14 1 1
Total	6 8 5	19 0 11	21 6 4	24 1 5	25 15 0

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax. (b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1956.
	1954.	1955.	1956.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	8,839	8,183	7,867	105,512
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,537	1,126	1,106	20,413
Water Supply and Sewerage	8,572	9,565	7,780	93,324
Electricity Supply	6,000	2,000	1,000	44,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	4,845	5,374	6,885	37,470
Hospitals	5,390	4,790	5,124	28,221
Other	753	1,070	1,215	7,800
Housing	41	147	105	10,085
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	691	573	817	10,096
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,923	4,999	3,900	88,623
Advances to Settlers (b) .. ..	..	..	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	2	..	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat	250	..	..	1,404
Forestry	900	899	800	14,781
Mining (Including State Coal Mine)	5	7	12	864
Other Primary Production	75	69	69	1,966
Coal (Overseas Purchase) .. ..	..	..	..	1,990
Gas and Fuel Corporation	1,995	1,195	1,170	11,759
Rural Finance Corporation	700	800	920	5,739
Other Purposes	146	155	360	1,908
Total Public Works, &c.	45,664	40,952	39,130	533,033
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	..	16,455
Grand Total	45,664	40,952	39,130	548,538

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1954	44,908	3,600	323,456	376,964	153 14 4
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7
1956	44,705	3,430	397,578	445,713	171 1 10

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
				Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1951-52				94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54.06
„ 1952-53				83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55.37
„ 1953-54				90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49.05
„ 1954-55				105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52.62
„ 1955-56				104,128	370,587	474,715	263,064	55.42
Quarter ended December, 1955				104,667	373,398	478,065	265,795	55.60
„ „ March, 1956				105,997	380,275	486,272	257,838	53.02
„ „ June, 1956				102,326	369,047	471,373	263,651	55.93
„ „ September, 1956				106,525	343,960	450,485	256,247	56.88
„ „ December, 1956				110,565	362,314	472,879	247,774	52.40
1955—Month of July				106,161	362,645	468,806	265,743	56.69
„ „ August				102,863	358,474	461,337	263,492	57.11
„ „ September				101,843	358,751	460,594	266,733	57.91
„ „ October				105,168	365,326	470,494	266,791	56.70
„ „ November				104,071	373,904	477,975	266,974	55.02
„ „ December				104,992	383,316	488,308	262,502	53.76
1956—Month of July				107,682	346,285	453,967	259,827	57.23
„ „ August				105,445	342,534	447,979	256,127	57.17
„ „ September				106,717	343,418	450,135	252,818	56.16
„ „ October				110,372	353,094	463,466	252,571	54.50
„ „ November				109,457	364,813	474,270	247,535	52.19
„ „ December				111,916	371,341	483,257	242,018	50.08

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,328,831
1954—September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,158,432
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,267,819
1955—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,189,412
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,369,883
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,209,314
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,398,692
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,473,267
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,225,359
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,408,006

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
				State Savings Bank. (a)	Common- wealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	..	..	..	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931	..	..	..	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939	..	..	..	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1950	..	..	..	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951	..	..	..	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952	..	..	..	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953	..	..	..	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954	..	..	..	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955	..	..	..	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
1956	..	..	..	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148 4 9
At 31st December, 1956	..	..	..	264,203	112,671	23,560	400,434	(c) 152 12 0

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES : HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period. (Quarter ended.)	New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
	Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.					
1954 Year	60,610	3,196	142,352	206,158	
1955—March	15,714	953	38,524	55,191	..
June	18,575	1,010	35,761	55,346	..
September	19,958	1,060	37,856	58,874	..
December	21,336	1,609	43,752	66,697	..
1956—March	18,630	1,187	41,701	61,518	..
June	18,998	1,189	34,446	54,633	..
September	20,693	1,319	33,677	55,689	..
December	21,365	1,690	39,729	62,784	..
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).					
1954—year	41,582	2,309	10,647	54,538	
1955—March	11,637	602	3,124	15,363	..
June	13,474	506	2,609	16,589	..
September	14,566	548	2,936	18,050	..
December	15,469	1,080	3,783	20,332	..
1956—March	13,291	715	3,709	17,715	..
June	14,550	799	2,559	17,908	..
September	15,291	773	2,524	18,588	..
December	15,715	971	3,645	20,331	..
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).					
1954—year	24,845	1,415	8,572	34,832	
1955—March	6,845	367	2,585	9,797	41,843
June	8,055	302	2,098	10,455	44,590
September	8,760	328	2,427	11,515	48,283
December	9,483	666	3,094	13,243	53,180
1956—March	7,987	430	2,975	11,392	55,030
June	8,707	489	2,068	11,264	55,941
September	9,507	494	2,017	12,018	57,656
December	9,872	603	2,916	13,391	60,901

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

Period.	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total Mortgages. (a)	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1955 Year	31,886	51,998	1,325	23,555	33,211	75,553
1956 year	31,152	53,565	1,566	26,358	32,718	79,923
1955—						
March Quarter ..	6,693	10,773	282	4,183	6,975	14,956
June Quarter ..	7,963	12,882	322	7,233	8,285	20,115
September Quarter ..	8,357	13,443	371	6,294	8,728	19,737
December Quarter ..	8,873	14,900	350	5,845	9,223	20,745
1956—						
March Quarter ..	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941
June Quarter ..	8,120	13,879	424	7,218	8,544	21,097
September Quarter ..	8,292	14,350	447	7,613	8,739	21,963
December Quarter ..	7,425	13,013	349	4,909	7,774	17,922

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955 and 4,710 during 1956.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a)	5,370	9,903	38	465	5,408	10,368
Building Societies	980	1,476	..	..	980	1,476
Co-operative Housing Societies	2,268	4,504	..	..	2,268	4,504
Friendly Societies	27	45	..	..	27	45
Insurance Companies ..	1,530	3,564	262	9,965	1,792	13,529
Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) ..	2,676	5,657	100	750	2,776	6,407
Trustee Institutions	145	344	39	2,867	184	3,211
Other Mortgages	10,731	15,059	778	7,402	11,509	22,461
Total	23,727	40,552	1,217	21,449	24,944	62,001
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of Total Mortgages	95·1	65·4	4·9	34·6	100·0	100·0

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 3,638 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act).

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a)	6,509	11,838	49	565	6,558	12,403
Building Societies	1,344	2,028	4	24	1,348	2,052
Co-operative Housing Societies	3,134	6,418	..	..	3,134	6,418
Friendly Societies	34	55	..	..	34	55
Insurance Companies	1,981	4,638	358	12,310	2,339	16,948
Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b)	3,672	7,938	124	962	3,796	8,900
Trustee Institutions	216	508	54	3,078	270	3,586
Other Mortgagees	14,262	20,142	977	9,419	15,239	29,561
Total	31,152	53,565	1,566	26,358	32,718	79,923
Proportion of Total Mortgages	%	%	%	%	%	%
	95.21	67.02	4.79	32.98	100.00	100.00

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 4,710 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Number registered during period—				
Victorian Trading	537	1,521	1,937	2,081
Foreign	37	116	141	148
Mining	28	15	3	4
Total	602	1,652	2,081	2,233
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	17,302	104,166	96,189	98,702
Foreign	8,975	39,099	91,670	99,875
Mining .. .. .	..	82	11	110
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—				
Victorian Trading	10,229	14,983	16,573	18,537
Foreign	643	1,306	1,420	1,548
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	118,829	90,997	77,163
Mining	1,097	11,899	1,999	4,170

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State—Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	12·49	17·52	18·09	28·16	34·81	27·59	28·89	33·47	24·30
Year—									
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·68	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1956 ..	20·85	24·31	31·45	41·17	55·59	34·02	34·29	44·25	34·69
1955—									
July ..	1·31	1·62	2·12	3·05	5·14	2·80	2·43	2·04	2·45
August ..	1·79	4·36	3·31	6·67	8·26	6·04	4·78	3·07	4·46
September ..	2·38	1·75	2·97	3·88	4·87	2·34	3·35	3·17	2·95
October ..	1·55	2·28	2·67	3·49	6·40	2·86	3·25	3·89	3·18
November ..	1·05	1·21	1·28	2·22	2·75	2·31	2·14	2·57	1·89
December ..	0·52	0·55	0·89	2·24	2·73	2·07	3·52	5·86	2·24
1956—									
July ..	2·73	2·93	3·83	4·47	6·37	3·21	2·63	2·62	3·48
August ..	1·21	2·07	1·64	4·02	4·30	4·43	3·54	3·86	3·00
September ..	1·73	2·22	1·91	3·62	3·87	2·70	3·58	3·92	2·82
October ..	3·00	2·44	3·75	4·28	4·91	3·13	4·41	4·03	3·61
November ..	0·82	0·76	1·35	2·20	2·31	2·08	2·53	4·02	1·96
December ..	0·12	0·42	0·21	0·74	1·10	1·80	1·50	2·25	1·03

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1955-56.

Districts and Counties.				Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
				Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central	Grant .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	20·31
				7,524	149,117	19·82	..
North-Central	Talbot .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	17·33
				9,969	175,503	17·60	..
Western	Grenville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	20·31
				4,495	78,862	17·54	..
				5,870	82,490	14·05	..
				19,532	454,086	23·25	..
Wimmera	Lowan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	23·20
				135,974	2,837,078	20·86	..
				423,352	10,115,720	23·89	..
				120,181	2,811,902	23·40	..
Mallee	Millewa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	17·32
				57,765	734,490	12·72	..
				104,903	1,404,165	13·39	..
				554,466	9,172,480	16·54	..
				340,048	6,996,368	20·57	..
Northern	Gunbower .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	17·10
				9,207	148,657	16·15	..
				83,573	1,533,788	18·35	..
				60,857	1,011,397	16·62	..
				28,145	508,461	18·07	..
				147,896	2,434,983	16·46	..
North-Eastern	Bogong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	14·31
				18,496	272,526	14·73	..
Gippsland	Tanjil .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	25·06
				1,234	31,096	25·20	..
Remaining Counties		..	..	7,923	129,902	16·40	..
Grain .. .. .	..	..	..	2,141,410	41,083,071	19·19	..
Hay .. .. .	..	..	..	33,003	..	..	..
Total		..	..	2,174,413	..	..	..

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1951-52 ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53 ..	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54 ..	2,389,304	583,075	374,556	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55 ..	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
1955-56 ..	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	(c) 879,288	37,020	35,298	50,913
Total Production.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52 ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53 ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54 ..	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55 ..	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
1955-56 ..	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	1,525,997	163,239	34,567	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52 ..	18.67	16.48	19.44	1.63	4.24	1.41	..
1952-53 ..	22.55	16.66	20.18	1.65	2.52	1.73	..
1953-54 ..	22.47	16.90	21.18	1.69	4.05	1.56	..
1954-55 ..	20.28	15.55	17.63	1.63	4.69	1.50	..
1955-56 ..	19.19	17.06	22.25	1.74	4.41	0.98	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1955-56 amounted to 2,566, 4,431, and 2,522 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1955-56 was 14,301 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 33,003 acres and oats 198,873 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1955.

Variety.					Area (Actual).	Percentage of Total Area.
					Acres.	%
Insignia	..	..	..	..	1,072,131	49.31
Pinnacle	..	..	..	..	537,148	24.70
Quadrat	..	..	..	..	333,881	15.35
Sherpa	..	..	..	..	69,979	3.22
Magnet	..	..	..	..	42,462	1.95
Bencubbin	..	..	..	..	30,059	1.38
Gabo	..	..	..	..	29,369	1.35
Baldmin	..	..	..	..	20,456	0.94
Pindar	..	..	..	..	8,981	0.41
Ghurka	..	..	..	..	4,571	0.21
Bungulla	..	..	..	..	4,179	0.19
Insignia 49	..	..	..	..	2,936	0.14
Koorda	..	..	..	..	2,450	0.11
Javelin	..	..	..	..	1,693	0.08
Kendee	..	..	..	..	1,631	0.08
Turvey	..	..	..	..	984	0.05
Sabre	..	..	..	..	966	0.04
Blue Stem	..	..	..	..	943	0.04
Glueclub	..	..	..	..	861	0.04
Bobin	..	..	..	..	847	0.04
Diadem	..	..	..	..	735	0.03
Warigo	..	..	..	..	592	0.03
Regalia	..	..	..	..	547	0.03
Rajah	..	..	..	..	426	0.02
Federation	..	..	..	..	351	0.02
Gluyas	..	..	..	..	298	0.01
Scimitar	..	..	..	..	269	0.01
Sepoy	..	..	..	..	246	0.01
Javelin 48	..	..	..	..	176	0.01
Eureka	..	..	..	..	166	0.01
All other varieties and unknown seed					4,080	0.19
Total					2,174,413	100.00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—			Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
				All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1951	..	..	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952	..	..	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	..	..	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	..	..	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	..	..	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	22,329,515
1956	..	..	118,705	1,662,548	954,039	2,616,587	227,223	(a)23,343,212

(a) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,329,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.			Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
			'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1950-51	..	..	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,946	146·18
1951-52	..	..	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	..	..	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	..	..	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	..	..	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16
1955-56	..	..	238,546	34,810	273,356	69,020	60·60

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Culled Cattle. (a)	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	144,760	54,104	16,663	38,283	39,684	7,322	..	300,816
North-Central ..	18,561	8,889	2,950	6,639	7,786	1,270	..	46,095
Western ..	152,284	102,013	24,415	52,338	47,285	10,298	..	388,633
Wimmera ..	12,235	7,393	2,271	3,799	5,655	1,552	..	32,905
Mallee ..	13,954	4,871	2,059	3,637	5,237	1,072	..	30,830
Northern ..	134,033	31,782	15,121	35,289	44,098	7,198	..	267,521
North-Eastern ..	68,656	31,890	16,850	16,872	27,005	3,947	..	165,220
Gippsland ..	235,649	50,363	19,827	51,861	62,442	10,386	..	430,528
Totals at 31st March, 1956	780,132	291,305	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	..	1,662,548
Totals at 31st March—								
1952 ..	655,127	259,682	78,392	197,595	210,758	36,969	..	1,438,523
1953 ..	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	..	1,476,980
1954 ..	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	12,238	1,552,968
1955 ..	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	13,189	1,612,910
1956 ..	780,132	291,305	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	..	1,662,548

(a) Collected as such only in 1954 and 1955.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	25,800	972,432	81,847	596,367	354,030	2,030,476
North-Central ..	18,935	750,998	58,707	626,571	291,864	1,747,075
Western ..	88,202	3,044,755	489,202	2,434,515	1,511,224	7,567,898
Wimmera ..	38,119	1,489,569	168,113	1,285,464	734,852	3,716,117
Mallee ..	16,816	853,743	20,437	217,536	342,737	1,451,269
Northern ..	52,156	2,142,142	74,165	700,198	824,143	3,792,804
North-Eastern ..	21,277	918,459	50,751	430,109	314,347	1,734,943
Gippsland ..	13,089	580,182	55,398	404,859	249,102	1,302,630
Totals at 31st March, 1956	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212
Totals at 31st March—						
1952 ..	249,281	9,782,940	994,731	5,789,093	4,721,184	21,537,229
1953 ..	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954 ..	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955 ..	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	22,329,515
1956 ..	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212(b)

(a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 768,078 at 31st March, 1956.

(b) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,329,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.		Year Ended 30th June—			
		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Factories	No.	9,250	15,154	15,533	15,861
Persons employed (a)—					
Males	No.	136,218	228,724	240,698	251,675
Females	No.	65,613	82,035	90,579	94,973
Total	No.	201,831	310,759	331,277	346,648
Wages paid (b)—		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males		29,006	171,897	190,573	213,377
Females		7,021	38,981	45,463	49,373
Total		36,027	210,878	236,036	262,750
Value of—		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used		3,595	24,354	27,540	30,002
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs		2,655	15,948	18,123	21,422
Materials used (including containers)		80,722	461,811	531,528	597,009
Production (net)		65,996	358,033	408,314	452,223
Output		152,968	860,146	985,505	1,100,656
Land and buildings		42,026	135,325	158,389	186,324
Machinery and plant		38,570	147,365	181,059	226,347

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	6,863	7,730	9,302
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	5,209	6,205	7,122
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	21,506	27,346	33,067
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	123,089	138,569	157,227
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	2,646	3,103	3,169
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	36,219	43,860	43,924
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	6,617	6,464	6,588
Clothing	7,865	36,689	41,286	43,224
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	51,322	55,231	57,250
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	14,473	16,383	18,943
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,001	6,301	7,106
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.	4,930	23,659	27,373	31,287
Rubber	1,573	7,092	9,296	9,949
Musical instruments	24	190	296	304
Miscellaneous products	722	8,140	10,357	11,881
Heat, light, and power	2,328	8,318	8,514	11,880
Total	65,996	358,033	408,314	452,223

Note.—“ Added Value ” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1954-55.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture	84,805	14,005	70,300	8,784	61,516	24 14 6
Pastoral	130,680	11,257	119,423	7,228	112,195	45 1 10
Dairying	62,001	2,324	59,677	13,250	46,427	18 13 2
Poultry and Bee Farming	20,261	1,571	18,690	6,541	12,149	4 17 8
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	14,039	1,049	12,990	..	12,990	5 4 5
Mining.. ..	10,810	730	10,080	1,934	8,146	3 5 6
Total Primary	322,096	30,936	291,160	37,737	253,423	101 17 1
Manufacturing (c) ..	452,223	..	452,223	..	452,223	181 15 1
Total all Industries ..	774,319	30,936	743,383	37,737	705,646	283 12 2

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Foultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8
1954-55 ..	24 14 6	45 1 10	18 13 2	4 17 8	5 4 5	3 5 6	181 15 1	283 12 2

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manufactured (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately-operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended	31st Dec-		'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
ember—									
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955	133	7,721	1,505	11 875	10,112	636	
1956	119	8,106	1,548	7 899	10,560	620	
1955—									
March Quarter	32	1,753	331	.. 185	2,269	156	
June Quarter	32	1,970	380	.. 222	2,572	168	
September Quarter	34	2,061	413	.. 256	2,730	161	
December Quarter	35	1,937	381	11 212	2,541	151	
1956—									
March Quarter	26	1,884	361	4 190	2,439	163	
June Quarter	29	2,056	395	.. 222	2,673	160	
September Quarter	32	2,192	427	1 261	2,881	156	
December Quarter	32	1,974	365	2 226	2,567	141	

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Interstate and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queens-land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1949	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953	1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954	1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1955	1,241	121	1,362	..	..	..	..	1,362
1956	1,111	82	1,193	..	..	..	..	1,193
1955—								
March Quarter	253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275
June Quarter	352	19	371	..	..	..	..	371
Sept. Quarter	338	53	391	..	..	..	..	391
Dec. Quarter	298	27	325	..	..	..	..	325
1956—								
March Quarter	191	8	199	..	..	..	..	199
June Quarter	319	26	345	..	..	..	..	345
Sept. Quarter	335	24	359	..	..	..	..	359
Dec. Quarter	266	24	290	..	..	..	..	290

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1955-56 ..	459·3	3,970·0	4,429·3	455·8	3,726·4	4,182·2
1954-55—						
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9
June Quarter ..	51·9	1,035·1	1,087·0	51·4	971·3	1,022·7
1955-56—						
September Quarter	123·3	1,050·3	1,173·6	122·3	984·8	1,107·1
December Quarter..	122·9	927·5	1,050·4	122·0	869·1	991·1
March Quarter ..	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6
June Quarter ..	142·6	1,059·1	1,201·7	141·7	995·7	1,137·4
1956-57—						
September Quarter	97·7	1,201·4	1,299·1	96·7	1,132·1	1,228·8
December Quarter..	176·4	962·9	1,139·3	175·5	901·9	1,077·4

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1954-55, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1948 ..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 ..	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 ..	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 ..	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 ..	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 ..	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 ..	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year ..	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955 ..	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1956 ..	13,023	44,059	1,296	14,600	21,051	12,431	35,370	71,090
1955—								
March Quarter ..	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376
June Quarter ..	3,559	11,187	313	3,842	5,355	3,514	9,227	18,543
September Quarter ..	3,846	12,352	335	3,930	5,492	3,371	9,673	19,653
December Quarter ..	3,571	11,625	282	3,264	4,970	2,820	8,823	17,709
1956—								
March Quarter ..	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,973	8,781	17,239
June Quarter ..	3,483	11,912	353	4,853	5,800	3,158	9,636	19,923
September Quarter ..	3,117	10,809	316	4,168	5,276	3,511	8,709	18,488
December Quarter ..	2,990	9,972	352	2,678	4,902	2,790	8,244	15,440

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1948 „	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 „	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 „	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 „	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 „	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 „	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 „	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955 „	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,567
1956 „	798	2,630	179	2,285	1,526	1,143	2,503	6,058
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
June Quarter ..	220	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318
September Quarter..	243	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
December Quarter ..	207	642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369
June Quarter ..	207	674	44	580	456	358	707	1,612
September Quarter..	181	633	49	438	377	293	607	1,364
December Quarter ..	209	701	47	793	341	219	597	1,713

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1955-56	1,029(b)	1,109	2,138	2,625(b)	1,527	4,152
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	218(b)	220	438	636(b)	382	1,018
December Quarter ..	560(b)	502	1,062	587(b)	423	1,010
March Quarter ..	121(b)	276	397	601(b)	289	890
June Quarter ..	130(b)	111	241	801(b)	433	1,234
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	214(b)	219	433	360(b)	314	674
December Quarter ..	268(b)	128	396	389(b)	338	727
Grand Total to 31st December 1956 ..	20,674	13,878	34,552(c)	20,246	13,360(c)	33,606

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz :—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings	106	103

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.